

<b>Module code</b>	SEL606	<b>Level</b>	6
<b>Module title</b>	Introduction to Environmental Law	<b>Credit value</b>	10
<b>Common/Core/ Elective</b>	Elective	<b>ECTS Credits</b>	5
		<b>Notional learning hours</b>	100
<b>Courses on which the module is taught</b>	ALL	<b>Teaching Period</b>	Autumn / Spring

### 1. Module description

This module will introduce you to key concepts and issues surrounding the regulation of the environment. These include government reactions to climate change and global warming. You will have an awareness of the laws on waste disposal in the energy and industrial sectors. You will also become familiar with other laws regarding recycling and the protection of the environment. The module will review case studies both in the context of international law and the common law. You will be sensitised to the impact of natural resource extraction, carbon emissions from production processes and pollution.

### 2. Learning outcomes

*Upon successful completion of this module you will be able to:*

#### **Decision Making (MLO 04)**

Formulate informed decisions about the legal regulation of the environment using critical and reflexive thinking.

#### **Discipline Skills (MLO 08)**

Combine and employ a wide range of knowledge about environmental law coupled with the utilisation of techniques and tools for the practical application of this legal area.

#### **Human and Environmental Impact (MLO 10)**

Evaluate the legal impact of human activity, including your own, on people and on the environment.

### 3. Learning and Teaching Methods

Learning and teaching strategies for this module will be achieved through interactive workshops coupled with self-guided learning. These sessions will introduce you to key subject areas and seek to explore how relevant topics are treated from the different perspectives of environmental law.

The workshops are designed to combine theory and practice in a format which encourages a shared learning environment. Practical exercises in these sessions aim to enhance your ability to use appropriate research methods and apply them in a reasoned and efficient manner in connection with the topic being examined.

The workshops will involve individual and/or group participation in the analysis of scenarios/facts/case studies. Workshop sessions will include practical exercises that aim to enhance your ability to use appropriate research methods and apply them in a reasoned

and efficient manner in connection with the topic being examined. Workshops involve individual and/or group effort and participation in the analysis of scenarios/facts/case studies.

<b>10 Credit module – 100 Learning hours</b>	
<b>Directed learning</b>	36 hours
Workshops/classes	36 hours
<b>Guided/Self-guided learning</b>	64 hours
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 hours</b>

#### **4. Assessment, formative feedback and relative weightings**

**Assessment: Essay**

**Weight (%): 100%**

**Word count: 2,500 words**

You will be provided with two or more essay questions. They are designed to engage you in reading, research and critical analysis. In order to successfully answer each question you will be expected to display a competent explanation of the relevant topic.

Each summative assessment will be preceded by an opportunity of formative assessment accompanied by formative feedback.

<b>Mapping of assessment tasks for the module</b>				
<b>Assessment tasks</b>	<b>MLO4</b>	<b>MLO8</b>	<b>MLO10</b>	
<b>Essay</b>	X	X	X	

#### **5. Indicative resources**

Boyle, A & Redgwell, C (2021) *International Law and the Environment*, Oxford: OUP.  
 Birnie, Boyle, and Redgwell's *International Law and the Environment*, Oxford 2021  
 Sands and Peel's *International Environmental law*, Cambridge 2018

Students will also be expected to read widely in order to keep up to date with current economic affairs. Some websites are recommended below;

Friends of the Earth, <https://friendsoftheearth.uk>

Greenpeace, <https://www.greenpeace.org.uk>

DEFRA, [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/departments/departments-for-environment-food-rural-affairs](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/departments/departments-for-environment-food-rural-affairs)